GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1638
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2005
CONVERSION OF STATE HIGHWAYS INTO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
Agarwal Shri Dhirendra;Gandhi Shri Pradeep;Kripalani Shri Srichand;Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh;Singh Deo Smt. Sangeeta Kumari

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from State Governments, particularly Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Jharkhand pertaining to National Highways, State Highways and CRF;

(b) the present status of said proposals;

(c) the number of State Highways which the Government has agreed to convert into N.Hs;

(d) the time by which the remaining State Highways are likely to be converted into N.Hs; and

(e) the rules prescribed for clearance of such proposals?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI. K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)to(d) Presumably, the Hon`ble Members are referring to the proposals received from the State Governments for conversion of State Roads into National Highways. 116 proposals for declaration of State Roads as National Highways have been received from various State Government after 25.2.2004. While no proposal has been received from State Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand after 25.2.2004, 17 proposals have been received from the State Government of Rajasthan. In February 2004, the Ministry has declared 7457 kms of State Roads as National Highways. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

Constitutionally the Government of India is responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways only and the State Roads are the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, funds are provided to the State Governments from the Central Road Fund for the development of State roads.

(e) Selection of State Roads for declaration as National Highways is done on the basis of the criteria given in Annexure-I subject to availability of resources and inter-se priorities.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 1638 FOR ANSEER ON 3.8.2005 ASKED BY SHRI SRICHAND KRIPLANI, SHRI PRADEEP GANDHI,DR. DHIRENDRA AGARWAL, SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARSTE AND SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO REGARDING CONVERSION OF STATE HIGHWAYS INTO NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

CRITERIA FOR DECLARATION OF NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

1. Roads which run through the length and breadth of the country.

2. Roads connecting adjacent countries.

3. Roads connecting the National Capital with State Capital and roads connecting mutually the State Capitals.

4. Roads connecting major ports, large industrial centers or tourist centers.

5. Roads meeting very important strategic requirements.
6. Arterial roads which enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achieve substantial economic growth thereby.

7 Roads which help opening up large tracts of backward area and hilly regions.

8. National Highways grid of 100 Km is achieved.

9. The road must be up to the standard laid down for State Highways-both in its technical requirements as well as the land requirements.
10. The road and right of way must be free of any type of encroachment and should be the property of the State Government.
11. The right of way required for the National Highways (preferably 45m, minimum 30m) must be available for acquiring, free of encroachments and the State Government would complete acquiring formalities within six months.